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## Libertarian Party Sues FEC Over Bequests

The Libertarian National Committee (LNC) is challenging certain aspects of the McCain-Feingold political speech restrictions in a lawsuit against the Federal Election Commission (FEC).

In 2007, a Libertarian Party supporter passed away, leaving the party over \$217,000 in his will—an amount over seven times the maximum annual federal contribution limit. Under the speech restrictions being challenged, the party must wait years to fully access this contribution.

The lawsuit was filed in federal district court in Washington, D.C. on March 17, 2011.

As interpreted by the FEC, federal contribution limits that restrict what individuals may donate to political parties are applied not only to living individuals, but also to estates of those who have passed away. Individuals wishing to remember a



Libertarian Party Counsel Alan Gura

political party are treated as though they would corrupt the political system from beyond the grave, and are thus barred from leaving their desired political legacy. Moreover, political parties are not allowed to solicit bequests exceeding contribution

limits, even though such bequests, when made, are parceled out over a period of years subject to annual contribution limits.

Alan Gura, of Gura & Possessky, PLLC, attorney for the LNC, said, “A promise to donate money upon one’s passing cannot corrupt the political process. The government has no interest interfering in people’s decisions to leave an ideological legacy.”

LNC Chair Mark Hinkle added, “The rule against solicitations is a violation of our free speech rights. Even if the contribution limits are upheld, a bequest can be paid out over time, but we’re not allowed to ask a potential donor for that money? It doesn’t make any sense.”

Gura was the lead attorney in the famous *D.C. v. Heller* case that led to the landmark 2008 Supreme Court decision affirming Second Amendment rights.

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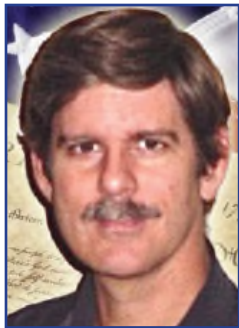
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## CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

### No Off-Year for the LP

by Mark Hinkle



2011 is an “off” election year. I put off in quotes because, as Libertarians know, there are no off election years. While 2011 may not have a lot of partisan races in which we can run “big-L” Libertarians with the party label, there are tens of thousands of nonpartisan races available throughout the

United States.

And, in five states—Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Jersey, and Virginia—there are, in fact, partisan races held in 2011. And, there are special elections in several states, such as West Virginia, to fill vacancies.

Many years ago while I was Chair of the Libertarian Party of California, we ran a project called “Operation Breakthrough.” This was the brainchild of former LNC Treasurer Aaron Starr. What made this plan so successful was the fact that many nonpartisan races are often won because only one person, and sometimes no one, signed-on to run. In the cases where only one candidate ran, election officials would actually cancel the election and the board would just appoint the person who signed up to avoid the cost of an election. Why hold an election when the outcome was certain?

And, for the board elections where no one registered, typically the remaining board members would appoint someone to round-out the board. Thus, they avoided the cost of an election, which is paid for out of the board’s budget.

I understand many Libertarians have won seats through this process. It takes a little research, most of which can be done via the Internet, and perhaps a phone call or two to your local elections board. All you need to know is which districts you live in, and then what qualifications—if any—are required to run. The vast majority of these seats have no requirements, such as having a law degree or being a CPA, and most don’t require any filing fee or signature requirements (other than your own). Except for your time, everything else is free.

And, if you have aspirations of running for a partisan office in 2012 or beyond as a big-L Libertarian, nothing adds credibility like running for partisan office after you’ve been elected to a non-partisan board, even if the only vote you received was your own.

I’ve heard from a number of Libertarians who’ve gotten elected, or appointed, to these non-partisan boards who’ve made a difference. Even if you’re a minority of one in a five, or seven, member board, with a little homework and some skill in persuasion, you can make a difference. And, on rare occasions, Libertarians have achieved a majority on these boards.

So, if the idea of being elected to office doesn’t scare the wits out of you, make a call to your local elections offices and see what’s available in your district. If you have questions about running, contact your local LP affiliate. Or, if you’re unable to reach them, the LPHQ has brought Maryland LP Chair Bob Johnston on board to help with candidate recruitment. His email address is bob.johnston@lp.org.

*Mark W.A. Hinkle*

### The following individuals became Lifetime Members of the Libertarian Party between December 31, 2010 and March 31, 2011.

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## LETTERS To The Editor

### Bullet Votes Explained

I'm a longtime political junkie who admires the libertarian potential of New Hampshire, whose state motto is "Live Free or Die." But the January 2011 LP Affiliate News (page 15) puzzled me with this NH report: "[Libertarian] Brendan Kelly, who ran for state rep, did increase his vote total from 2008 and received a lot of bullet votes...." What are "bullet votes"?

Joseph Miranda  
Northridge, CA

[Response provided by Rich Tomasso,  
New Hampshire LP Chair]

A bullet vote is when a voter can vote for several candidates and chooses only one. It's not an option in all states, but given our multi-member districts in NH, it's a strategy many candidates try to implement.

Rich Tomasso  
Chair, New Hampshire LP

### Thank you, Libertarian Party!

I would like to thank and extend a warm "mahalo" from Hawaii to the LP for being a bright shining light in an otherwise dark and gloomy generation. Last year, one of my Marine friends before deploying to Iraq told me that he and many members his unit were reading extremely worried and were reading articles, sharing videos and talking a lot in their free time about the direction that America was heading in. He started talking to me about social and economic liberty issues, various laws that had been passed and how the politics of crisis were being used to give government incredible power to do nearly anything. At first I didn't believe him because I was so fixated on the War on Terror, but he encouraged me to study the crisis out and to think objectively. It wasn't until I read "The Citizen's Rule Book" one afternoon that I found myself moved to tears as I came to the realization that America had become a police state and that individual free-

doms were rapidly vanishing.

On my own initiative, while my friend was in Iraq I started reading Thomas Paine, Ludwig von Mises, Murray Rothbard, Ron Paul and many others and I found myself undergoing a rapid transformation of the way I saw myself, my fellow man and the world around me. Growing up, I had been raised to think very statist and in college and later graduate school as a political science and public administration major the teachings I learned had only reinforced those beliefs. But in the span of just a very short time of reading books and listening to liberty viewpoints I'd never heard before, I found myself understanding that what I was so sure of was in fact wrong, and if I could change, perhaps others could change too. I love the fact that libertarians reject the use of violence to initiate change.

I'm still learning about what it means to be a libertarian and am not at all perfect, but I want to thank every person out there who is talking about liberty, sharing in small groups and just making the decision to be different by design. All of you are salt and light and I thank you for being the voice of mercy, love and truth for America.

Danny de Gracia, II  
Waipahu, HI

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## 2011 LNC Meetings Scheduled

by Wes Benedict

The Libertarian National Committee (LNC) has set its meeting schedule for 2011.

The LNC is the top governing body of the Libertarian Party. It is usually comprised of four officers, five at-large representatives, and up to nine regional representatives plus nine corresponding alternates.

Last November, at-large representative David Nolan (a founder of the LP) passed away, leaving a vacancy. Additionally, last December, Treasurer James Oaksun resigned citing health reasons. The LNC Executive Committee then appointed William Redpath, who was an at-large representative at the time, to fill the Treasurer position.

As a result, the LNC is expected

to appoint two people to fill the at-large vacancies at its April 2011 meeting.

Typically, the official business meeting runs from about 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays, plus 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Sundays. However, the schedule is subject to change, and it is often amended during the course of the meeting.

LNC meetings are open to LP members. Local Libertarians, LNC members, and some out-of-town Libertarians often gather for both organized and informal social events on Friday and Saturday evenings.

The Libertarian Party will celebrate the 40th anniversary of its founding at the December 2011 LNC meeting in Las Vegas. In addition, the party will honor its recently deceased co-founder, David F. Nolan. Details are developing.

### LNC Meeting Schedule

Location:	Alexandria, VA	Columbus, OH	Las Vegas, NV
Dates:	April 16-17, 2011	Aug. 20-21, 2011	Dec. 10-11, 2011
Venue:	Sheraton Suites Old Town Alexandria, 801 North Saint Asaph Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, 703-836-4700	Chestnut Hyatt Regency Columbus, 350 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43215, 614-463-1234	Red Rock Casino Resort Spa, 11011 W. Charleston, Las Vegas, NV 89135, 866-767-7773
Co-ordinated Events:	Northern Virginia Libertarians may organize an evening event on Saturday, April 17.	Libertarian State Leadership Association meeting on Friday, August 19.	40th Anniversary LP Celebration and LP co-founder David F. Nolan memorial.

## LSLA Meeting Moved from Seattle to Columbus

by Wes Benedict

As reported in the January 2011 issue of LP News, the Libertarian State Leadership Association (LSLA) had planned a February 2011 meeting and conference in Seattle, Washington. That conference was cancelled, and it has been re-scheduled for Columbus, Ohio on Friday, August 19, in coordination with the Columbus LNC meeting.

From the LSLA website, <http://lsla.lpin.org>:

"We are organized exclusively for educational purposes, more specifically to coordinate activities and share knowledge

among Libertarian Party State Chairs and Affiliate Parties.

"While voting members consist of the state chairs of affiliate state Libertarian Parties, LSLA functions are enjoyed by a wide variety of national, state and local Libertarian leaders and their family members at an annual conference.

"Traditionally, we have an interesting speaker lineup as well as training workshops to help the LP affiliates. It's a great place to run into old friends and to meet some new ones. Not only is it beneficial for the growth of our party, it's also a lot of fun.

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# 2010 Libertarian Party Annual Report



by Wes Benedict

Thanks to the support of thousands of Libertarian donors, candidates, and volunteers, 2010 was a year of remarkable recovery for the Libertarian Party.

Although economic conditions continued to be tough, we worked hard at fundraising, and we kept our expenses down. Total revenue for the year was \$1,472,218.

The year was marked by several good indicators: monthly pledge growth, interest in outreach projects like Quiz Across America, a successful national convention, social networking growth, and strong election results.

We were also able to increase our staffing slightly, which helped us improve our service to members and candidates.

On the other hand, our dues-paying membership count barely budged. That is the biggest weakness that I see.

## Membership

Membership rose from 14,663 in December 2009 to 15,068 in December 2010. That's just a 3% increase. We had expected to be able to do better than that.

We focused on getting former members to renew their financial support. Renewal letters to these former supporters have been successful. We have also started sending regular renewal e-mails, and we have staff telephoning lapsed members to ask them to renew.

Our 2010 candidates received lots of press and were included in more televised debates than before.

Unfortunately, all that media exposure just didn't convert into many more new members.

I think lots of people have become more familiar with the Libertarian Party, but we weren't able to drive enough of them to go to our website or call our 800 number to join the party.

Also, the slow economy probably

made some people more hesitant to pay dues to a political party.

## Monthly Pledge Program

One of our goals in 2010 was increasing our monthly pledge total. The monthly pledge program provides a consistent, reliable source of revenue that helps us plan ahead.

From December 2009 to December 2010, our monthly pledges increased from \$24,908 to \$30,504. (An increase of 22%.) I want to keep that total moving up in 2011.

## Outreach Projects

In 2010, we started several projects to distribute inexpensive promotional materials to volunteers. First, we offered Libertarian bumper stickers, requesting just 10 cents per sticker. We got tens of thousands of orders right away, and by the end of the year we distributed about 170,000 bumper stickers.

We also offered Libertarian T-shirts, requesting \$10 each. By the end of the year we received orders for about 1,000 T-shirts.

In terms of encouraging volunteer activism, our biggest new project was the Quiz Across America door hanger project, which started in August.

We asked for volunteers to put up at least 200 door hangers in their neighborhood. We requested \$10 for every 200 door hangers. We also offered free door hangers to Libertarian candidates. By the end of the year, we shipped about 650,000 door hangers.

We also worked to improve our presence in online social media, particularly Facebook and Twitter. Over the course of the year, our Facebook fan count increased from 19,000 to 135,000, and our Twitter followers increased from 2,400 to 9,800.

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## 2007 - 2010 LNC Balance Sheet Summary

	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>Total Assets</b>	335,150	207,542	232,211	413,178
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	58,013	96,846	36,148	75,233
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	277,137	110,696	196,064	337,945

## 2007 - 2010 Revenue & Expense Summary

	2007	2008	2009	2010
<b>Support and Revenue</b>				
Membership Dues	470,114	472,862	480,132	532,494
Donations	652,092	496,660	307,564	233,408
Recurring Gifts	317,956	297,018	268,089	351,343
Board Member Solicitations	86,738	72,539	19,763	94,388
Projects & Brand Development	0	0	0	33,994
Ballot Access Donations	81,098	266,141	0	32,052
Conventions and Events	0	7,620	0	170,112
Publications, Materials and Other Sales	5,730	24,300	500	24,427
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b>1,613,727</b>	<b>1,637,139</b>	<b>1,076,049</b>	<b>1,472,218</b>
<b>Cost of Support and Revenue</b>				
Fundraising Costs	208,665	244,473	145,097	126,335
Membership Fundraising Costs	184,796	72,085	73,486	121,165
Convention and Event Costs	0	40,479	0	102,896
Direct Costs	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Cost of Support and Revenue</b>	<b>393,461</b>	<b>357,036</b>	<b>218,584</b>	<b>350,396</b>
<b>Net Support and Revenue Available for Programs</b>	<b>1,220,267</b>	<b>1,280,103</b>	<b>857,465</b>	<b>1,121,822</b>
<b>Program Expenses</b>				
Administrative Expense	366,329	408,088	381,253	352,104
Compensation	396,920	404,906	341,352	374,925
Affiliate Support	9,396	3,231	300	0
Ballot Access	62,808	510,257	5,367	132,635
Brand Development	3,315	14,038	35	51,879
Campus Outreach	0	0	0	60
Candidate Support	22,293	500	0	25,048
Litigation	0	0	0	552
Lobbying	0	0	5,500	0
Media Relations	5,251	251	5,745	1,250
Member Communications	56,838	85,705	33,092	34,016
Outreach	21,075	19,568	3,016	8,392
Voter Registration	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>944,225</b>	<b>1,446,544</b>	<b>775,659</b>	<b>980,862</b>
<b>Net Operating Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>276,042</b>	<b>(166,441)</b>	<b>81,805</b>	<b>140,961</b>
<b>Other Revenue/Expense</b>				
Interest Income	0	0	3,652	0
Other Income	325	0	(90)	0
<b>Total Other Revenue Expense</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,562</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>276,366</b>	<b>(166,441)</b>	<b>85,367</b>	<b>140,961</b>

Note: The unaudited financial information disclosed above is preliminary and subject to audit.

# 2010 Libertarian Party Annual Report



## National Convention

We held a national convention in May in St. Louis, Missouri. Longtime California LP activist Mark Hinkle was elected Chair. There were 556 delegates in attendance. They made changes to our platform and bylaws, and elected new members to the Libertarian National Committee.

Fundraising was very successful, thanks to frugal planning by convention committee chair Michael Colley and fundraising work by LNC Representative Dr. Mary Ruwart, who phoned donors in advance to line up matching gift donations. In the end, the 2010 convention generated a \$67,216 profit, whereas the LNC experienced a loss for the conventions in 2008 and 2006.

## Candidates and Elections

Over 800 Libertarian candidates ran in the November 2010 elections. That's an increase from about 600 in 2008, and also about 600 in 2006.

Nationwide, our candidates got over 15.3 million votes, up from about 12.6 million in 2008, and about 12.8 million in 2006.

Several Libertarian candidates got results of historic significance for the LP.

In Indiana, Rebecca Sink-Burris ran for U.S. Senate and got 5.4% of the vote. In Arizona, the late David F. Nolan also ran for U.S. Senate and got 4.7% of the vote. That's the first time since 2000 that Libertarians running for U.S. Senate have gotten more than 4% of the vote (in races against both a Republican and a Democrat).

In California, Pamela Brown ran for Lieutenant Governor and got 574,640 votes. That is the second-highest vote count in history for a Libertarian running against both a Republican and a Democrat.

We had 15 Libertarians for U.S. House who received over 5% of the vote.

(That only counts races where a Republican and a Democrat both appeared on the ballot.) That's a big increase from past years. In 2008, three Libertarians for U.S. House got more than 5%. In 2006, one candidate; in 2004, two candidates.

Throughout 2010, at least 38 Libertarians were elected or re-elected to public office. Our list of elected Libertarians grew from 146 to 154.

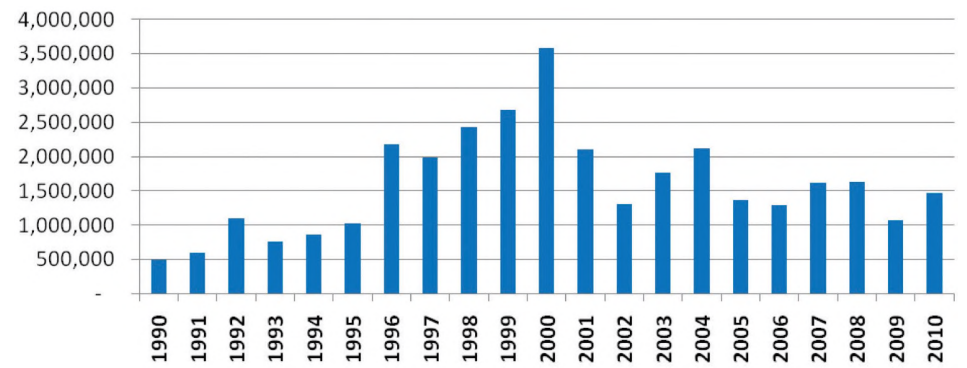
## Going forward in 2011

Since 2011 is an "off-year" in the election cycle, we'll be more focused on issue advocacy and improving our operations and party growth.

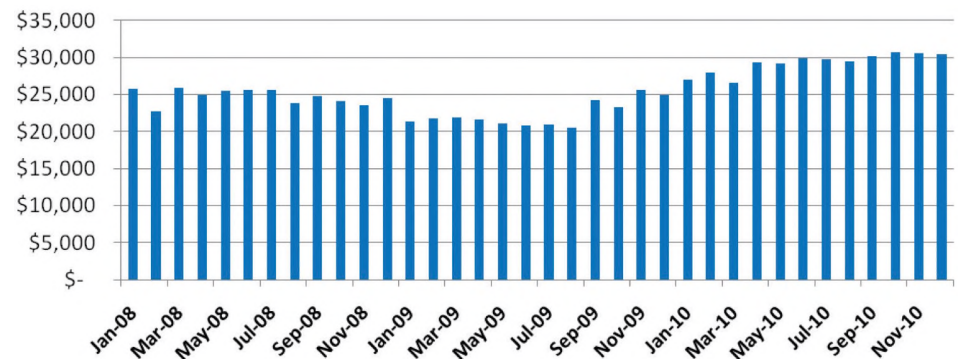
We have already started by buying new, faster servers for our headquarters, and upgrading our database.

I want to work hard to increase Libertarian Party membership this year. We started the year with 15,068 dues-paying members, and the LNC has set a goal of increasing that to 20,000 by April 2012. If you know any friends, family, or co-workers who say "I'm a Libertarian" but have not joined the Libertarian Party, please encourage them to join right away.

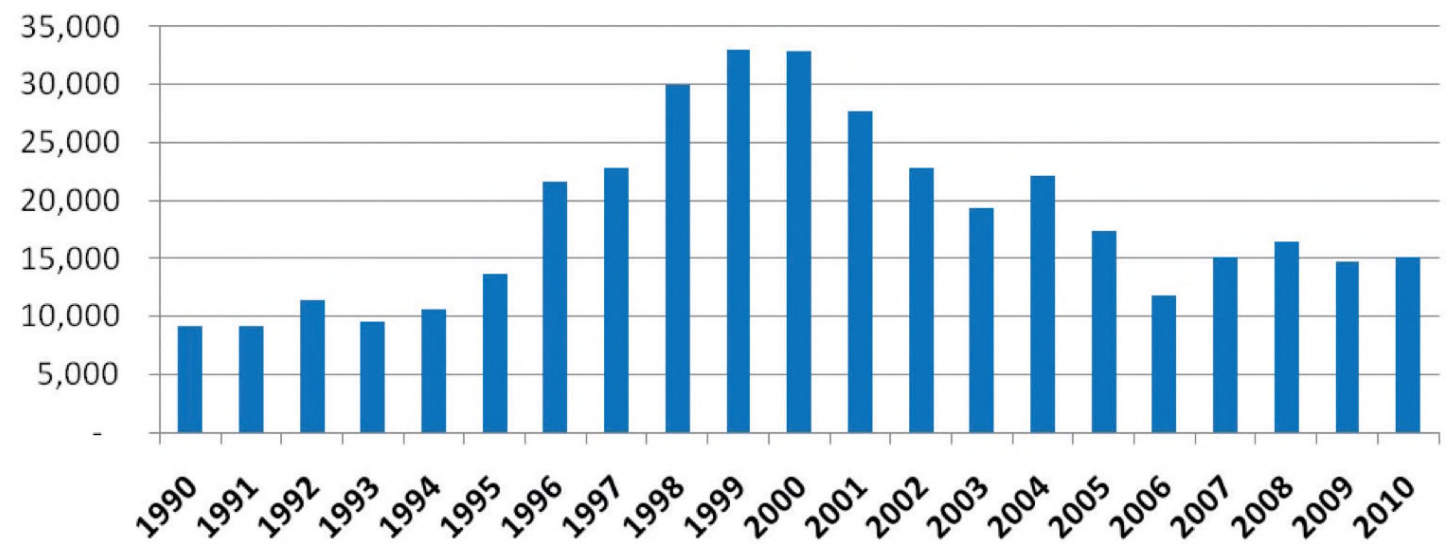
## Revenue



## Monthly Pledge: Total Received



## Membership





# Why Are You a Libertarian?

We emailed this question to our supporters, and we received nearly 400 responses! We looked at all of them, and selected some to print here. Thanks so much to everyone who participated.

I have lived in the socialist country of Bolivia. I have stood at the DMZ between North and South Korea. I have traveled by train from West to East Berlin. I have walked the Killing Fields of Cambodia. I have visited Communist China, Communist Vietnam, Communist Laos, and Totalitarian Myanmar. Liberty and Statism are not abstract, philosophical concepts to me. I have seen with my own eyes the concrete, irrefutable consequences of both. Liberty leads to prosperity, opportunity, and self-fulfillment. Statism leads to destitution, oppression, and misery. Around the world and throughout history there are countless examples of these self-evident truths. That is why I am a Libertarian.

Gene Clark  
Odell, Texas

I was in college in 1980, making \$3.85/hr as a night desk clerk at the Holiday Inn in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. I was watching the Carter-Reagan debates on the lobby TV, and this commercial came on for a third party candidate. This man, Ed Clark, stood up in front of a cheering crowd and said, "The American People should be able to go about their peaceful business without interference from their government." When he started that sentence, I was a free-speech, anti-war Democrat. When he finished it, I was a Libertarian.

Dan Fitzgerald  
Falls Church, Virginia



As a Christian, it always rubbed me the wrong way the Republican Party got a pass on its blatantly immoral stances. From coercive foreign entanglements to the racist war on drugs, I simply could not reconcile Christ's message with the GOP. I became a member in 2004 when Republican spending became the last hypocritical straw. I proudly displayed my one and only bumper sticker that simply proclaimed—"Libertarian." Pulling into the church parking lot, I got the question from a respected friend, "How can you be a libertarian and a Christian?" I proudly replied, "I'm a libertarian because I'm a Christian." This opened-up a new world for many of the faithful in my community. While my stance on GLBT issues, illegal wars, and drug prohibition are still controversial to many social conservatives, I was able to earn the only Libertarian endorsement from the Ohio Tea Party PAC during my recent run for State Senate because people crave honesty and integrity in their elected officials.

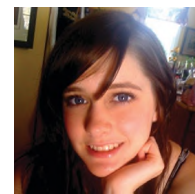
Bill Yarbrough  
New Albany, Ohio



I became a Libertarian recently (mostly inspired by the gubernatorial run of Warren Redlich in New York State). I believe that opening our borders is key to the influx of new energy and new ideas. This country was built on the innovation of immigrants and should continue to see them as a resource, not a hindrance. I believe that God gave us each other to care and look after one another, much better than government can do. I believe that all human beings, regardless of race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, gender, and sexual orientation have the same rights and the government

should have no role in denying them their natural rights. And, I believe that I should have the right to educate my child as I see fit. I stand for freedom. I am a Libertarian.

Christian Alberto Ledesma  
Astoria, New York



I'm a Libertarian because I believe in freedom.

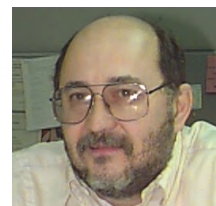
Claire Beavers  
Atlanta, Georgia

Libertarians believe in personal freedom and personal responsibility. Some conservatives will tell you that makes them too liberal. Some liberals will tell you that makes them too conservative. I, on the other hand, think it makes them just right.

Rex Bell  
Hagerstown, Indiana

I became a Libertarian after taking three steps: 1) I tried being a Democrat; 2) I tried being a Republican; 3) I read Atlas Shrugged.

Robert Santangelo  
East Hanover, New Jersey



I am a 65-year-old Harley rider who wants to be treated like an adult. I support the Libertarian Party because I resent being told what to do by my elected representatives. I don't like being told what to wear (seat belts and helmets) what to eat (less calories) not to smoke, etc. FOR MY OWN GOOD. This country is turning into a nanny state where politicians are catering to individuals

who want to protect the rest of us from ourselves. It's like the country wants to step up to take care of every one "in loco parentis."

Julius Nadas  
Chicago, Illinois



Because I love liberty. I want to preserve all my freedoms, and the Democrats and Republicans each only want to preserve some freedoms, and restrict

others. For example, the Democrats want reproductive freedom and gun control, and the Republicans want to defend the Second Amendment but outlaw reproductive choice. Why should we have to choose between guns and sex? Americans deserve to have both.

Erin Lale  
Henderson, Nevada

I am a Libertarian because this is the only way I can participate in politics without violating my moral principles.

Arch Wakefield  
Tega Cay, South Carolina

I am a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon Church), and have been a member of the LP (on and off) since the early 1970s. At one time, I believe I was the only (or one of very a few) LDS Libertarians in the party. Now, there are a great many. A major tenet of the church is the principle of personal self-responsibility rooted in the term called "Agency." That is, people must be free to make uncompelled and unrestrained decisions—good or bad—on how to live their individual lives. It is my belief, if the principle of Agency is clearly understood and practiced by a member of the church, that person is by definition a libertarian.

Bruce A. Daniel  
Vernal, Utah

# Why Are You a Libertarian?



In 1993 President Bill Clinton (whom I was totally invested in) abandoned LGBT people and criminalized our lives (“Don’t Ask Don’t Tell”) as if it was an issue of politics and not fairness. I searched for a party that would welcome gays and found that the LP had since its founding recognized the value of LGBT people in its platform, its policies and its actions. What a bonus to find compatibility on other critical issues like the economy and issues of war and peace articulated so effortlessly by Harry Browne (RIP). Since the 1996 election cycle I have been a registered Libertarian and have proudly voted as such and was a monthly pledger until unemployment made it impossible (25 months so far).

Craig B. Coogan  
Los Angeles, California

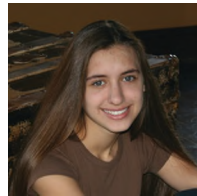
I became a Libertarian about six months ago because I was tired of all garbage that happens in Washington. After watching John Stossel and Judge Napolitano on TV, I realized the Libertarian philosophy more closely matched my personal philosophy than the Republican Party did. I have never placed a bumper sticker on my car but I did place a Libertarian bumper sticker on my car shortly after I joined the party. I agree, we have given up too many liberties in the name of safety and it just doesn’t make sense. Libertarianism has given me the motivation to attend my local city council meetings and join the county Libertarian group.

Mark Tindell  
Columbia, Missouri

I started reading my older brother’s copy of Reason Magazine in my early teens along with Ayn Rand’s Atlas Shrugged. The political philosophy of

freedom made sense to me—sense that seems to elude Democrats and Republicans. I first joined the Libertarian Party of Canada when I was in my 20s, then after I immigrated to the US in 2002, I joined the LP here. The Libertarian Party is the only political party that consistently advocates for individual rights and freedom.

Barbara Baxter  
Cedar Glen, California

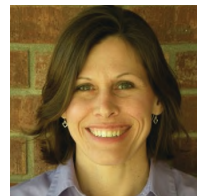


Why am I a Libertarian? For the love of my country. For Freedom. For the right to live my life as I wish, without someone else or the government making my choices for me or imposing laws and regulations on me that tell me how conduct my life and private affairs. I want freedom for myself, my family, my neighbors, my fellow countrymen and women. Without freedom, there are no dreams, no hopes, no futures. The Libertarian Party is the greatest advocator of freedom—of all kinds of freedom for all kinds of people. It is the only party that is all for freedom—not just for this kind of freedom or that kind of freedom, but for economic freedom and civil freedom and a country free from the chains other countries would bind us with. It honors the gift our Founders gave us in the Constitution and does not try to twist it for its own aims. It is principled, strangely enough for a political party, and it, though there are always exceptions, is more immune to corruption than the Republicans and Democrats that frequent political offices. Though a small party, I’ve never felt cheated by it or betrayed. It holds true to its promises and does not take my support for granted. For these reasons I am a Libertarian.

Tara Menkhaus  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Why am I a libertarian? Because it just makes sense.

Jessica Paxton  
Marion, Arkansas



Because I believe economic freedom and civil liberties begin with each individual and are represented by our families, friends, and diverse communities. The LP represents all of us.

Kris Estes  
Andover, Kansas

I became a Libertarian when I realized that the only wasted vote is the one that pigeonholes me as Left or Right. Voting Libertarian is the only way for me to proclaim that Left and Right are both wrong. While I don’t always agree 100% with the Libertarian candidate, I’ll keep voting Libertarian until I’m too free.

Brian Holtz  
Los Altos Hills, CA

Democrat does not equal peace. Republican does not equal small government. Libertarian equals peace and small government.

Brian Campbell Davis  
Sacramento, California

I’m a member because the Libertarian Party has the solutions to the problems that Democrats and Republicans keep creating.

Greg Kerkow  
Shakopee, Minnesota

I was a senior in high school the year of the 2008 presidential elections. It was the

year I turned 18 and the first time I was allowed to vote. As a senior year high school requirement, I was in a U.S. government class. I had a pretty good teacher and he wanted us to get involved and interested in politics. He had us take quizzes and surveys to see how we aligned politically and which primary candidates we most agreed with. I had a very difficult time aligning with a particular party or candidate. In general, I was fiscally conservative but socially liberal. I was disappointed that I didn’t align with a party and wondered why no one else felt the same way I did. Then I saw an interview on The Colbert Report with Ron Paul. I went out and bought his book, The Revolution, a Manifesto, which he was promoting. I quickly learned about the Libertarian Party and that their views were the exactly the same as mine! I still find it sad and disappointing that I had such a hard time finding out there was a party for my particular views, because I know that others out there are the same way but don’t know about the LP’s platform. Nevertheless, I’ve been an LP member ever since and absolutely love advocating free markets, civil liberties, and peace. Thanks and go LP!

Patrick Davis  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

I’m a Libertarian because I believe in More Freedom, Less Government. I am hoping we can achieve that for my daughter’s sake.

Rex Heinke  
Commerce Township, Michigan

I thought there was a difference between Republicans and Democrats and I chose the Republicans for the economic freedom. After 1994, I learned that the “not a dime’s worth of difference” line really was correct. I was hooked by the libertarian philosophy at an Advocates for Self

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# Libertarians Present the "Republican Wall of Shame"

by Arthur DiBianca

In order to remind voters how Republicans have consistently supported bigger government, not just on personal issues, but on economic issues as well, the Libertarian Party created the "Republican Wall of Shame."

The original six-foot-by-four-foot wall debuted at the LP booth at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC) in Washington, DC.

Libertarian Party Executive Director Wes Benedict commented, "Our goal at CPAC is to reach out to libertarians who have been misled into thinking of conservatism as a small-government ideology. In fact, conservatives just want their own version of big government, as we pointed out last year."

Benedict continued, "We've already heard some talk about the Republican 'three-legged stool.' My view is, Republicans are wrong on foreign policy, they're wrong on social policy, and they're lying hypocrites on economic policy. Their stool has no legs."

The "Wall" attracted lots of attention at CPAC, and the stories about it generated lots of interest from members. One LP member offered \$10,000 to run the Wall as an ad in the Washington Post. Eventually, over \$15,000 was raised—not enough for the print edition, but enough for prominent ads in the Washington Post online. Only funds donated specifically for this purpose were spent on the ad.

CPAC is an annual gathering of conservative speakers and organizations in Washington, DC. Increasing numbers of libertarian-leaning individuals and groups have participated, causing one Fox News opinion reporter to pen an article titled, "Disrespectful Libertarians Hijack CPAC Poll—And Its Mission." Congressman Ron Paul won the CPAC straw poll for President.

Notably, Congressman Paul did not qualify for the Republican Wall of Shame. "That's because Congressman Paul, who was the 1988 Libertarian Party nominee for President, adheres to the Constitution and votes against bailouts, tax increases, and wars," said Benedict.

Not everyone agreed the concept was a good idea.

An online poll on LP.org showed a significant portion of respondents were opposed to running the Wall of Shame ad in the Washington Post.

See related story for an opposing view from Ohio.



**Republican Wall of Shame**

**Romney Care**

**"Liberal"**

Supported five tax increases prompting the Club for Growth to label him a liberal.

"I've abandoned free market principles to save the free market system"

**Global Warming**

The evidence is sufficient that we should move towards the most effective possible steps to reduce carbon loading in the atmosphere

**?**

This Republican president signed many massive spending bills. During his administration, federal spending was the largest percentage of GDP in post-WWII history. (His shameful record might be broken by the Obama administration.) Ask at the desk if you don't know who it is.

**Ballouts**

Famously suspended campaign to rush back to Washington to vote for bailouts

**Republican Record:**

- Cash for car companies
- War in Iraq
- 2003 Medicare drug plan
- Patriot Act
- \$3 trillion budgets
- \$600 stimulus checks
- No Child Left Behind
- TARP bailouts
- Huge deficits
- Paulson for Treasury
- Farm subsidies

Paul Ryan supported Medicare expansion 2003, No Child Left Behind Act, TARP GM & Chrysler bailouts, ethanol subsidies.

**No comment necessary.**

"Republican Wall of Shame" brought to you by the Libertarian Party (LP.org), CPAC 2011, Washington, D.C.

## LP.org Online Poll: A donor gave \$10,000 to help run the "Republican Wall of Shame" in the Washington Post. Which best matches your opinion?

- **Great idea! Run the Wall of Shame ad.** 46% (370 votes)
- **Great idea! I will donate to help fund the ad.** 4% (33 votes)
- **I'm a Libertarian, and you should not run this ad. Return the donor's \$10,000.** 34% (274 votes)
- **I'm not a Libertarian, and you should not run this ad. Return the donor's \$10,000.** 5% (38 votes)
- **Other** 11% (85 votes)

Total votes: 800 (as of 3/17/2011)

## Counterpoint Why Being Nice Is Important

by Todd Grayson,  
LP Ohio Communications Director

There has been much talk lately about the failure of the "new" Congress to make any substantive changes to the tone in Washington. Those criticisms are, in general, fair. We have seen a lot of political dancing and have heard a lot of great sounding rhetoric, but it is the spineless behavior and lack of followthrough that is driving the criticism.



It may be easy for us, as the real party of small government, to paint the Tea Party favorites that just landed in Congress as the problem. However, Congress can only be moved so far by a small group of motivated newcomers. Would it be any different if there were 40 Libertarians in Congress right now? We could certainly shape some debates and offer some swing votes, but by and large the business of what comes to the floor for a vote in the first place is still being decided by the back-room establishment political machine comprised of RINOs and DINOs.

For the new folks in Congress to make a difference, they will have to reach out to the establishment-types and find some points of agreement, one issue at a time. Otherwise they will be relegated to side-show status. They need not compromise their values. Rather, they should focus first on what they can accomplish while standing firm about what they believe in.

This leads me to an internal issue. What is our goal? What is the end game with the Libertarian Party? In our dreams, what does America look like and what role do we play in it? To me, the goal is to have a nation with a Constitutionally based government where people are free to do as they please so long as they do not violate the rights of others. The states themselves would have a little more leeway in regulating both business and personal activities, but the general idea is that the State (federal, state, or local) act as a protector, not granter, of rights. The "conservative right" shares much of this vision. Before I start

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# History of Libertarians Elected to State Legislatures

by Arthur DiBianca

We are aware of twelve cases in which a Libertarian candidate has been elected to a state legislature. Those elections were in three states: Alaska, New Hampshire, and Vermont.

In Alaska in 1978, Libertarian Richard L. Randolph was elected as a State Representative from District 20. It was a six-member district, and Randolph placed sixth out of 17 candidates. He received 6,784 votes.

In 1980, Randolph was re-elected, and Kenneth J. Fanning was also elected in that same district. Randolph came in first out of 18 candidates with 11,163 votes, and Fanning came in third with 9,819 votes.

In Alaska in 1984, Andre Marrou was elected as a State Representative from District 5B. This was a single-member district, and Marrou beat a Republican and a Democrat to win the seat. He received 4,529 votes.

In New Hampshire in 1992, four Libertarians were elected as State Representatives: Calvin Warburton (1,902 votes, second place in a three-member district in Rockingham County), Finlay Rothhaus (6,404 votes, second place in an eight-member district in Hillsborough County), Don Gorman (2,683 votes in a single-member district in Rockingham County), and Andy Borsa (2,160 votes, first place in a three-member district in Hillsborough County). All of these were "fusion" elections. Gorman was listed as both Libertarian and Democratic; the others were listed as both Libertarian and Republican.

In New Hampshire in 1994, two Libertarians were elected as State Representatives: Don Gorman (re-elected with 2,563 votes), and Jim McClarin (1,033 votes, second place in a three-member district in Hillsborough County). Both were "fusion" elections. Gorman was listed as Libertarian, Democratic, and Republican. McClarin was listed as Libertarian and Republican.

Because those New Hampshire candidates were registered to vote as Libertarians, they were considered Libertarian members of the legislature.

In Vermont in 1998, Neil Randall was elected as a State Representative from District Orange 3 in Orange County. He was a "fusion" candidate, appearing with the Libertarian and Republican labels. He received 733 votes, beating a Democratic candidate.

In New Hampshire in 2000, Steve Vaillancourt was elected as a State Representative from Hillsborough County District 44 (also called Manchester Ward 8). It was a three-member district, and Vaillancourt came in third out of six candidates. He received 1,622 votes. (Note, this was not a "fusion" election. Vaillancourt appeared on the ballot only as Libertarian.)

It's been over ten years since a Libertarian was elected to a state legislature.

In 2010, over 300 Libertarian candidates ran for state legislative office. The top percentage for a Libertarian against both a Republican and Democrat was Rex Bell of Indiana, who got 20.8% of the vote. (He almost beat the Democrat in the race.) Sean T. O'Toole of Missouri received 33.3% running against just a Democrat.

## Nigel Lyons: The New LP Videographer

by Nigel Lyons

Video is persuasive, powerful and at times beautiful. I'm Nigel Lyons, the new LP videographer, sent here from Liberty Island and instructed by Lady Liberty herself to bring her back into mainstream America. Spreading the ideas laid forth by our founding fathers to tame government and to protect our rights as individuals.

I hail from Columbus, Ohio. Born and raised, my folks Tom and Maggie reside there along with my older brother and two younger sisters, Nick, Nora and Sydney. I grew up into video as my father created video for a major health care provider. He had Nick and me along for shoots in his studio, on the road, and we learned so much, that it gave us the foundation we needed for our future careers.

High school rolled around and I was creating highlight videos, promos and shorts. I even helped convince our high school to purchase Apple computers to give students an opportunity to express their creativeness.

Soon after graduating, I had a brief stint at a college to enter the world of finance with the goal of being a stockbroker. I was introduced to that world in fifth grade. I actually read the business section of the newspaper for many years, eventually leading me to invest my savings into Apple Computer a few months after the first iPod came out. I bought mine on eBay and for a few exclusive months was the first young punk to bump it in the school hallways.

The 9-5 corporate finance job was just a phase, as I like to think of it. I realized that my first love, video, was my true calling. So, I focused on increasing my knowledge of cameras, computers, styles, editing and directing, eventually scoring a job with a tech company in Columbus. I



built a studio, recorded hours of videos for use on a new jazzed up website to convert visitors into customers.

Shortly after, my longtime friend and video pal, Travis Irvine, put together a campaign to run for U.S. Congress. I was selected to be the Treasurer and Videographer along with my other buddy, Colin Scianamblo. Then we started recording, creating a 45-second video each week highlighting weaknesses within both parties and the system in general. You can watch the videos here, [www.irvineforcongress.com](http://www.irvineforcongress.com), or on the YouTube link if you haven't already.

At the LP, I intend to create videos discussing libertarian views and freedoms which can return this nation to its original vision. Eventually I want to allow libertarians to download the videos in TV-ready formats for national planned cable TV campaigns. Cable is cheap, effective, and if planned correctly could have a powerful impact on our party and the people of America.

It's a lot of work and I'm only one man. But, my belief in you and myself will carry us into the world we all want: a world of peace, trade and travel. Thank you.

Send me an email with any suggestions or ideas to [Nigel.Lyons@lp.org](mailto:Nigel.Lyons@lp.org).

## Libertarian Party Candidate Spotlight: Illinois

*reprinted from the Illinois LP's "Libertarian Current"*

**Steve Hellin for O'Fallon District 90 School Board**

Steve is a husband, father, homeowner, LP-Illinois communications director, and a worldwide sales leader for a top information technology company. He is running for

school board because he wants to help to provide quality education in O'Fallon while also working to minimize the property tax burden on local homeowners.

Steve recognizes that Illinois' miserable financial situation makes school funding precarious and unpredictable. "Unfortunately," says Steve, "the recent 66% income tax hike will do little to help us, as Springfield sucks more money from our local community only

to send further north to fund gold plated public employee pensions in Chicago suburbs." As a Libertarian, Steve will promote transparency and accountability while seeking support from local nonprofit organizations.

**Karin Vermillion for Mahomet Library Board**

In the past year, the LP-Illinois has been enthusiastically encouraging members

to run for local office. Mere days after returning from an inspiring state convention, Karin received an email from a friend on the library board asking her to consider filling a possible vacancy. She took this to be a sign saying it is time to get involved. Fortunately, no other new candidates chose to file. Therefore Karin will be running unopposed.

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## AFFILIATE NEWS AND EVENTS

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### Illinois

*Eight Candidates for Office*

The Libertarian Party of Illinois is making great strides in local politics and membership support while planning a stimulating annual convention. There are currently eight Illinois Libertarians running for office: Edwin Everly, Rantoul Township High School Board; Karen Green, Bloomington City Council; Steve Hellin, O'Fallon District 90 School Board; Doug Marks, Carpentersville Village Trustee; Jeff Ready, Bloomington City Council Ward 6; Don Stover, Greenville City Council; Karin Vermillion, Mahomet Library Board; Brian Sasso, Lincoln-Way School Board. Karin Vermillion is running unopposed. All others are running active campaigns with help from friends, family, and local chapter members. Please see <http://lpillinois.org/campaigns/> for more information on our candidates.

The LP-Illinois is also encouraging active membership support through creative fundraising drives and a restructuring of our member benefits. The Party now offers two membership options. The free, "Subscribing Member," option offers Illinois Libertarians a monthly e-newsletter and periodic hard copy special bulletins. The "Contributing Member" option additionally provides quarterly print editions of the Party's newsletter, The Libertarian Current, and a "Thank You" gift. Contributing Memberships are available for an annual donation of \$25. To become a Subscribing or Contributing Member of the Libertarian Party of Illinois, please visit the Join page at <http://www.lpillinois.org/join/>.

Our 2011 Convention is scheduled for the weekend of October 21-23 at The Chateau Hotel and Conference Center in Bloomington, Illinois. This year's Convention theme is "Libertarians for Peace and Prosperity." We have recently secured Ivan Eland, author of *Recarving Rushmore: Ranking the Presidents on Peace, Prosperity, and Liberty*, as our Keynote Speaker, and Steven Burgauer, Libertarian author and 2002 Illinois US Senate Candidate as our Luncheon Speaker. The Convention Committee will be announc-

ing Convention Packages and prices in the near future—stay tuned to <http://lpillinois.org/> for details.

### Indiana

*LPIN Launches New LP 101 Class*

In an effort to help new Libertarians understand the basics of the philosophy behind our party, the Libertarian Party of Indiana has launched a one-hour class to explain the party's principles and how people can get involved. A new website has also been launched to help guide people to resources on basic information. Find out more at [www.LP101.org](http://www.LP101.org).

The Libertarian Party state convention will be held April 29 through May 1, 2011, in LaPorte, Indiana, which is near Lake Michigan. New officers will be elected and a lineup of guest speakers will provide training and interesting information. Saturday night will hold a fundraising Texas Hold'em Tournament featuring Rupert Boneham, from the show *Survivor*. View the entire lineup at <http://lpin.org/events/2011-lpin-state-convention/>.

### Kentucky

*New Officers Elected*

The Libertarian Party of Kentucky elected new leaders at their annual convention in Maysville, Kentucky on March 5, 2011. Eric Cranley, a Boone County resident, is now serving at the party's State Executive Committee Chairman. Cranley had previously served as the Secretary and Treasurer on the State Executive Committee. Cranley replaces Ken Moellman, who did not seek reelection to a third term. Other members elected to the State Executive Committee were Louisville native Gabrielle Trent as Vice Chair, and Kenton County resident Courtney Jung as Secretary. Louisville native Dr. Matthew Holder remained as Treasurer, and Mark Gailey of Lexington was re-elected to At-Large Representative. Paul Ard, who had served previously as a second At-Large Representative, will be taking a special assignment for the party in the 6th Congressional District.

### Michigan

*Award Winners*

The Libertarian Party of Michigan held its annual LibertyFest Banquet in Flint on February 5, 2011. State Chair Emily Salvette presented Defender of Liberty awards to several LPM members.

Chad Stevens won the Spokesperson of Liberty award. Chad is a businessman from Sault Saint Marie. He co-founded and leads the Northern Michigan Liberty Alliance, a non-partisan organization comprised of individuals and tea party groups that seek a return to constitutionally limited government, free markets and individual freedoms.

William Gelineau was named the Promoter of Liberty for 2010. Bill has long been a driving force behind the LP of West Michigan, was the LPM state chair 2003-4, and has organized several recent state conventions.

The final award, Producer of Liberty, was given to Brian Wright. Brian has been involved in Michigan's freedom movement since the founding of the party in 1972. He was LPM state chair in the early 1980s and is currently the party's webmaster and newsletter editor.

### Missouri

*Libertarian Poised for Re-Election*

Springfield City Councilman Doug Burlison appears well poised to win a second term, having handily won his primary on Feb 22. The general election is April 5. Doug is one of two Libertarians on the Springfield City Council. Meanwhile, two young liberty activists are rocking the establishment in their non-partisan races for city council in Kansas City and Columbia. In other news, Missouri will host its 2011 State Convention in St. Louis on May 21.

### Nebraska

*Interest Up in State Party*

The LP of Nebraska is currently running print ads in two metro-Omaha publications; one in English and one in Spanish. We've seen a noticeable increase in website visits and inquiries. The Party's Facebook page has recently eclipsed the Democrats' page in number of friends, or 'likes,' as well.

The LPNE team is preparing for a mid-to-late April hearing concerning Nebraska's petition laws, which require petitioners to be

residents of the state and a 'scarlet letter' annotation on each petition stating whether the circulator is paid, or volunteer.

### New York

*Legal Action Taken Against State*

Warren Redlich, the Libertarian Party's candidate for Governor of New York in the 2010 election, has filed a lawsuit against the New York State Board of Elections, directing the state agency to cease ignoring votes cast for the Libertarian Party. This legal action affects all third party candidates running for office in New York, as it charges the Board of Elections with discrimination against independent candidates and voters in the manipulation of third party vote count returns.

Redlich asserts that the Board of Elections' method of counting votes in New York ignores votes made for third party candidates by forcing multiple third party candidates onto the same ballot line, confusing the voters' choice of candidate and illegally invalidating votes cast for the Libertarian Party. Additionally, Redlich asserts the Board of Elections violate the law by its practice of ignoring proxy votes cast by absentee voters, thus illegally rejecting votes made for the Libertarian Party by absentee voters.

Redlich's lawsuit asserts that the Libertarian Party of New York obtained at least 50,000 votes, qualifying it for Party status under New York State law.

New York Libertarian Party Chair Mark Axinn stated, "Only by requiring the Board of Elections to count every vote cast for every candidate can independent voters have their voice heard on Election Day."

### Ohio

*Focused on Local Elections*

The LPO is now focused on local elections in Ohio for the Fall of 2011. We hope to have a couple of dozen candidates for various partisan and non-partisan races, from Township Trustee, to City Council. In the Columbus City Council race (non-partisan), Libertarians Mark Noble and Bob Bridges will be participating for the first time. Four people will be elected. On the ballot will be four members of the Democrat party, two members of the Republican party, and the two Libertarians. Anyone interested in running for office in Ohio or helping on a

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campaign should contact the LPO at candidates@lpo.org.

We have had considerable turnover in the LPO state party management, but we have been building our “bench” over the past two years and it is paying off. When a member moves out of state, or leaves the LPO for other reasons, we already have replacements in waiting. It is critical for the success of the Libertarian Party that state affiliates have a solid organization structure and effective leadership.

Our LPO State Conference has been moved from the Spring and into the late Summer of 2011. The plans are to have it over the September 9–11 weekend. More details to follow.

The Libertarian State Leadership Alliance (LSLA) and the LP state chairs approved a special meeting to be held in Columbus, Ohio on August 19 at the downtown Hyatt Hotel. The day will include a meeting to elect a new LSLA chair and seminars on organization building and leadership. This is the first time an LSLA event has come to Ohio. We also welcome the Libertarian National Committee (LNC) to Columbus, Ohio on August 20 and 21. This will also be held at the downtown Hyatt Hotel. This is also the first LNC meeting in Ohio.

Please go to [www.lpo.org](http://www.lpo.org) for more information on the Libertarian Party of Ohio. Also join us on Facebook, an LPO Regional meetup, and signing-up for our LPO State-wide Announcements (SWA).

### Texas

*Libertarians Defeat “Poll Tax”*

In a victory for The Libertarian Party of Texas, State Representative Leo Berman (R - District 6) withdrew HB 418 on Monday. The bill would have imposed filing fees on third-party and independent candidates, resulting in an intimidating burden for these candidates on future ballots. The party testified in opposition to the bill at the March 7 elections committee hearing and sent out a call to action on March 14 asking its members to contact representatives on the elections committee to state their opposition. Later that day, Rep. Berman’s office informed the party that HB 418 had been withdrawn.

“I am pleased with the support our membership gave us on this effort, and I appreciate Rep. Berman’s decision to withdraw this bill,” said Pat Dixon, Libertarian Party State Chair. “I welcome any future opportunities to meet with legislators to address problems in the election code or other policies.”

The Libertarian Party of Texas, always ready to work with those that share common principles, formed an impressive coalition effort to defeat this bill with the Green and Constitution Parties. Additionally, Andy Wilson of Public Citizen, Linda Curtis of Independent Texans and activist Rob Morrow joined in support.

Dixon added, “Our effort to form a coalition with groups and individuals outside of our party on common ground issues such as voter choice is something we would like to do more of.” The Libertarian Party of Texas thanks its members for its continued support. The successful conclusion to the debate surrounding HB 418 serves as a reminder that informed citizens willing to take action can defend liberty.

### Wisconsin

*LPWI Brings Reason to Debate*

The LPWI has staked out the middle ground in the ongoing budget debates in Wisconsin. While we applaud Governor Walker’s resolve in fixing the state’s \$3.5 Billion structural deficit, his heavy-handed approach has polarized Wisconsin citizens. The Democrats response, which included 14 state senators fleeing the state for three weeks, shows a complete denial of the seriousness of the budget shortfall. The two ruling parties have moved to the extremes in this standoff and only the Libertarian party has offered solutions that will balance the budget and respect the bargaining rights of public employees.

The LPWI will be holding our annual convention this April 1 and 2 at Olympia Resort in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. A get-together will be held on Friday evening in Cricket’s Lounge, from 7 to 10 PM, featuring live entertainment by alt-rocker Random Lama on guitar, and LPWI chair Ben Olson on bass. Saturday will be a full day of meetings, workshops, speakers and an evening banquet featuring keynote speaker Gene Cisewski, former political director at LPUSA.

## Counterpoint: Reaching Out

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hearing the screams from all my Libertarian friends saying, “But they like the war on drugs and the war on terror, they want to ban gay marriage, and they are, in general, wound too tightly on the social side of things!!!,” I want to remind you that these are actually quite simple obstacles to overcome.

Many of our members are “social conservatives” who have realized that it is more effective to live and preach their beliefs rather than criminalizing dissenters. “Family values” are a good thing, as long as the law does not define ‘family’ for us. Doing drugs is bad, but the law should not force addicts to go to jail. For example, I believe that most conservatives only want drugs to be illegal because they do not know what else to do with addicts; not because they really think jail is a solution. The state should not endorse any marriage; gay, straight, or otherwise; and when put in this context I think many conservatives realize that it is easier to defend marriage from inside their church than from outside the state house. We have common ground here, and we should promote that rather than focusing on what is a relatively minor set of issues. This is, “reaching out,” “building bridges,” or “triangulating,” and it works.

To further the previous point, the CPAC (Conservative Political Action Committee) conference was held recently, and the LP had a presence there. This was highlighted in the weekly LP newsletter that was emailed out on 15 February 2011 and written by LP Executive Director Wes Benedict. The attendees are typically educated, hardworking, and successful people who love this country. They are not the enemy of freedom. They are not statist, Marxists, communists, or fascists. Misguided on some social issues? Yes. Evil? Not so much, and yet we were confrontational and antagonistic in our display there. Instead of extending a hand toward areas of agreement, we focused on that with which we differ. This was a lost opportunity and a bad PR stunt. The ‘right’ leaning blogs did not take well to our presence, and this should not be a badge of honor for us. These are our constituents. We should be trying to convert them into Libertarians or bidding them the best of luck—because you never know when their mind might be changed down the road. This philosophy is behind how the B2B sales process works and it is tried and true.

While some “conservatives,” like the Christian Coalition, are probably never going to vote Libertarian, many will if we interact,

educate, and then encourage them to do so. Politics is more about using the carrot rather than the stick. We should encourage those on both sides of the gay marriage debate to realize that without inappropriate government intervention, there is little for either side to be upset about. We should remind groups both for and against the war on terror that we can have a strong defense without having bases all over the world, because reigning in that sort of wasteful spending could help merge the peace-at-all-costs crowd with the war-at-any-cost crowd. Their meeting point would be a robust military focused on national defense, stationed at home, with a more non-aggression/non-intervention (Libertarian) foreign policy. We can demonstrate leadership in the war on drugs by recognizing that addiction is a disease, not a crime, and that drug use in general is not a positive lifestyle change.

It is important to remind people that just because we believe people and businesses should be allowed to fail does not mean we encourage it; that because we believe private property and freedom of speech are the pillars of a just society does not mean we advocate polluting and raping the environment or yelling “fire” in a crowded theater; that because we think pornography and obscenity are in the eye of the beholder does not mean we want to hand out copies of Hustler to school children; and yet these are the views held by many of our potential allies on the right and left alike. This is because we have a tendency of publicly mocking their views instead of trying to promote ours.

If we are going to be a party which changes the political landscape in America; that shifts the debate from, “how much more government are we going to have,” to, “how much power can we give back to the people;” and that pushes for Liberty instead of soft tyranny of the nanny state; then we need to get serious about being serious. We can, at times, become a bit of a side-show. If we do not take ourselves seriously enough as a Party to move beyond costumes, funny signs and posters, and silly bumper stickers, then we are always going to be “the crazy uncle” at every political gathering we attend. We are better than that, and by building bridges from and to points of common ground with our friends from outside the party we can begin to grow and create some momentum—hopefully enough to get a few people into higher office. In sales we are taught to sell your positives, downplay your negatives, and spend most of your time focusing on what you have rather than what the competition does not. The same holds true in politics.

# LNC Revenues by State

The Libertarian Party receives revenue from donors in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and other locations. This table shows approximately how much revenue the national LP received from donors in 2010, broken down by state.

State		Population (2010)	LNC Revenue (2010)	% of Total Revenue	Dollars Per Capita	Rank (Dollars Per Capita)	Dollars Per Capita, Compared to Average	States Sorted by LNC Revenue (2010)		States Sorted by Rank (Dollars Per Capita)	
Alabama	AL	4,802,982	\$17,786	1.19%	\$0.00370	31	77%	TX	\$214,504	TN	1
Alaska	AK	721,523	\$3,464	0.23%	\$0.00480	23	99%	CA	\$198,694	NH	2
Arizona	AZ	6,412,700	\$29,183	1.95%	\$0.00455	24	94%	FL	\$67,054	TX	3
Arkansas	AR	2,926,229	\$6,502	0.43%	\$0.00222	50	46%	IL	\$64,327	CO	4
California	CA	37,341,989	\$198,694	13.28%	\$0.00532	13	110%	TN	\$62,934	VA	5
Colorado	CO	5,044,930	\$37,834	2.53%	\$0.00750	4	155%	VA	\$59,286	NV	6
Connecticut	CT	3,581,628	\$20,672	1.38%	\$0.00577	9	120%	OH	\$57,127	WY	7
Delaware	DE	900,877	\$4,976	0.33%	\$0.00552	11	114%	MI	\$54,865	DC	8
District of Columbia	DC	601,723	\$3,479	0.23%	\$0.00578	8	120%	NY	\$49,176	CT	9
Florida	FL	18,900,773	\$67,054	4.48%	\$0.00355	33	73%	GA	\$48,472	MI	10
Georgia	GA	9,727,566	\$48,472	3.24%	\$0.00498	18	103%	NJ	\$45,741	DE	11
Hawaii	HI	1,366,862	\$3,690	0.25%	\$0.00270	43	56%	PA	\$44,478	IN	12
Idaho	ID	1,573,499	\$4,942	0.33%	\$0.00314	39	65%	CO	\$37,834	CA	13
Illinois	IL	12,864,380	\$64,327	4.30%	\$0.00500	17	104%	IN	\$35,859	NJ	14
Indiana	IN	6,501,582	\$35,859	2.40%	\$0.00552	12	114%	NC	\$33,774	MD	15
Iowa	IA	3,053,787	\$10,291	0.69%	\$0.00337	36	70%	WA	\$32,759	ND	16
Kansas	KS	2,863,813	\$14,110	0.94%	\$0.00493	20	102%	MD	\$29,930	IL	17
Kentucky	KY	4,350,606	\$6,566	0.44%	\$0.00151	51	31%	AZ	\$29,183	GA	18
Louisiana	LA	4,553,962	\$14,048	0.94%	\$0.00308	41	64%	MO	\$28,876	OH	19
Maine	ME	1,333,074	\$5,017	0.34%	\$0.00376	28	78%	MN	\$22,894	KS	20
Maryland	MD	5,789,929	\$29,930	2.00%	\$0.00517	15	107%	WI	\$21,263	WA	21
Massachusetts	MA	6,559,644	\$20,436	1.37%	\$0.00312	40	65%	CT	\$20,672	MO	22
Michigan	MI	9,911,626	\$54,865	3.67%	\$0.00554	10	115%	MA	\$20,436	AK	23
Minnesota	MN	5,314,879	\$22,894	1.53%	\$0.00431	25	89%	AL	\$17,786	AZ	24
Mississippi	MS	2,978,240	\$7,216	0.48%	\$0.00242	47	50%	NV	\$17,585	MN	25
Missouri	MO	6,011,478	\$28,876	1.93%	\$0.00480	22	99%	OR	\$16,547	OR	26
Montana	MT	994,416	\$3,755	0.25%	\$0.00378	27	78%	SC	\$14,835	MT	27
Nebraska	NE	1,831,825	\$5,789	0.39%	\$0.00316	38	65%	KS	\$14,110	ME	28
Nevada	NV	2,709,432	\$17,585	1.18%	\$0.00649	6	134%	LA	\$14,048	NM	29
New Hampshire	NH	1,321,445	\$12,914	0.86%	\$0.00977	2	202%	NH	\$12,914	WI	30
New Jersey	NJ	8,807,501	\$45,741	3.06%	\$0.00519	14	108%	IA	\$10,291	AL	31
New Mexico	NM	2,067,273	\$7,754	0.52%	\$0.00375	29	78%	OK	\$9,388	VT	32
New York	NY	19,421,055	\$49,176	3.29%	\$0.00253	45	52%	NM	\$7,754	FL	33
North Carolina	NC	9,565,781	\$33,774	2.26%	\$0.00353	34	73%	MS	\$7,216	NC	34
North Dakota	ND	675,905	\$3,409	0.23%	\$0.00504	16	104%	KY	\$6,566	PA	35
Ohio	OH	11,568,495	\$57,127	3.82%	\$0.00494	19	102%	AR	\$6,502	IA	36
Oklahoma	OK	3,764,882	\$9,388	0.63%	\$0.00249	46	52%	UT	\$6,379	SC	37
Oregon	OR	3,848,606	\$16,547	1.11%	\$0.00430	26	89%	NE	\$5,789	NE	38
Pennsylvania	PA	12,734,905	\$44,478	2.97%	\$0.00349	35	72%	ME	\$5,017	ID	39
Rhode Island	RI	1,055,247	\$2,915	0.19%	\$0.00276	42	57%	DE	\$4,976	MA	40
South Carolina	SC	4,645,975	\$14,835	0.99%	\$0.00319	37	66%	ID	\$4,942	LA	41
South Dakota	SD	819,761	\$1,953	0.13%	\$0.00238	48	49%	WV	\$4,788	RI	42
Tennessee	TN	6,375,431	\$62,934	4.21%	\$0.00987	1	204%	MT	\$3,755	HI	43
Texas	TX	25,268,418	\$214,504	14.34%	\$0.00849	3	176%	HI	\$3,690	WV	44
Utah	UT	2,770,765	\$6,379	0.43%	\$0.00230	49	48%	DC	\$3,479	NY	45
Vermont	VT	630,337	\$2,263	0.15%	\$0.00359	32	74%	AK	\$3,464	OK	46
Virginia	VA	8,037,736	\$59,286	3.96%	\$0.00738	5	153%	ND	\$3,409	MS	47
Washington	WA	6,753,369	\$32,759	2.19%	\$0.00485	21	100%	WY	\$3,319	SD	48
West Virginia	WV	1,859,815	\$4,788	0.32%	\$0.00257	44	53%	RI	\$2,915	UT	49
Wisconsin	WI	5,698,230	\$21,263	1.42%	\$0.00373	30	77%	VT	\$2,263	AR	50
Wyoming	WY	568,300	\$3,319	0.22%	\$0.00584	7	121%	SD	\$1,953	KY	51
Total		309,785,186	\$1,495,816	100.00%	\$0.00483	← Average					

Revenue approximate, and different from income statement. Includes \$30,400 bequest from TN.  
Excludes revenue from outside the 50 states and D.C.



## LIBERTARIANS SPEAK OUT

### Obama Kowtows to Military-Industrial Complex

*from a February 16, 2011  
press release*

WASHINGTON—The Libertarian Party criticizes the Obama administration's recent statement demanding more military spending from House Republicans.

The administration claims that the Republican spending bill currently under debate does not provide enough military funding. According to the administration, "The bill...would reduce funding for the Department of Defense to a level that would leave the Department without the resources and flexibility needed to meet vital military requirements."

As a percentage of GDP, military spending under Obama has been higher than it was during any year of the hawkish George W. Bush administration.

Libertarian Party Chair Mark Hinkle said, "Apparently the Republican spending bill isn't military-friendly enough for President Obama."

Hinkle continued, "Liberals are supposed to want schools, not bombs, but Obama wants all the bombs he can get."

"The Republican bill actually increases Defense Department spending 1-2% over 2010 levels, but the administration calls that a reduction. Liberals and Democrats, as well as independents and Libertarians, should call out the president and demand that he cut military spending, not increase it. Nobody expected Republicans to offer significant cuts to military spending, but I thought liberal Democrats like Obama were supposed to be different. Apparently the president is more interested in handing out gigantic contracts to his friends in the defense industry."

"Libertarians believe that America should set an example of freedom and respect for other nations by withdrawing our military from Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as many other countries where we have forces stationed today. The Libertarian vision of a humble foreign policy would allow us to cut military spending dramatically."

### War on Drugs leads to gun smuggling nightmare

*from a March 9, 2011  
press release*

WASHINGTON—According to CBS, the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) has been involved in undercover operations to smuggle high-powered weapons into Mexico, probably as some sort of tracking operation. Now many of those weapons are in the hands of ruthless drug traffickers, which they are using to intimidate and kill people.

Libertarian Party chair Mark Hinkle issued this statement on March 9, 2011:

"This is another sad chapter in the long story of the terribly destructive War on Drugs. Now our own government is apparently involved in smuggling weapons to drug lords in Mexico. This story is as bizarre as it is depressing. The War on Drugs has caused far more death and destruction than it has prevented. The War on Drugs is a failure in almost every measurable way. The War on Drugs should end. It's becoming more and more unclear whether the U.S. government even wants the violence to decrease. More drug violence means more jobs for federal drug agents. More drug arrests mean more jobs for prison construction and management contractors. There are a lot of people

whose income depends on a big, thriving, unsuccessful War on Drugs.

"If the War on Drugs were halted, there would no longer be any such thing as 'drug trafficking.' Violence in Mexico would decrease very dramatically, as drug lords would quickly go out of business. A lot of liberals and libertarians were hoping that President Obama and a Democratic Congress might at least tone down the War on Drugs, but they have done nothing of the kind. They have kept this war going as strong as ever. It looks like those of us opposed to the War on Drugs can forget about help from the Democratic Party. Only the Libertarian Party will fight to end the misguided, wasteful, and destructive War on Drugs."

"One of the things that saddens me is that our foolish and unjust drug laws are leading to the deaths of thousands of Mexican citizens. Those Mexicans can't vote in our elections to change our drug laws—they just have to wait and hope they aren't the drug lord's next victim. We Libertarians call for an end to the War on Drugs: an end to federal prohibition of the possession and sale of narcotics. Would that lead to increased drug abuse? It's hard to know—probably not much—but nothing could be worse than the death and destruction our government has unleashed with its War on Drugs."

### They Hate Us Because We Bomb Them

*from a March 20, 2011  
press release*

WASHINGTON—Giving little thought to the lessons of history, President Obama has begun attacking Libya with the full support of virtually every member of Congress, both Democrats and Republicans. Libertarian Party Chair Mark Hinkle issued the following statement on March 20, 2011:

"President Obama's decision to order military attacks on Libya is only surprising to those who actually think he deserved the Nobel Peace Prize. He has now ordered bombing strikes in six different countries, adding Libya to Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, Somalia, and Yemen."

"While the justifications vary in each case, the disturbing common thread is that these are all predominantly Muslim countries. And the goodwill expressed by Arab people about Obama in opinion polls early in his administration has completely vanished: in the most recent Zogby survey, 85% expressed an unfavorable opinion toward the United States, eclipsing the 83% negative opinion in the final year of the Bush administration."

"Libyan President Muammar Gaddafi

is no friend of liberty, but the military involvement of the United States in the rebellion against him threatens to undermine the credibility of the resistance to his rule and turn him into a hero. As news of both actual and rumored killings of innocent civilians by American bombs spreads throughout the Arab world, the hatred which spawned the 9/11 murderers will continue to grow. Finally, what if Gaddafi still manages to defeat the rebels? Faced with the choice of losing face or upping the ante with an escalation of military involvement, this could turn into yet another disastrous campaign. And as Steve Chapman put it in an article in Reason magazine, 'Most of the people endorsing an attack know less about Libya than they do about playing the oboe.' When will we ever learn?

"Libertarians advocate the foreign policy eloquently described by Thomas Jefferson at his inauguration: 'Peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations, entangling alliances with none.' Just as the Founding Fathers expressed admiration for the 'Swiss Model' of armed neutrality that has managed to keep Switzerland out of the vicious wars of Europe for hundreds of years, we should embrace the idea that the purpose of an American

military is the defense of American soil, period. As Senator Barack Obama said in criticizing the Bush administration, 'The President does not have power under the Constitution to unilaterally authorize a military attack in a situation that does not involve stopping an actual or imminent threat to the nation.'

"The Constitution of the United States requires an explicit Declaration of War in order for this country to engage in hostilities with foreign nations. Obama, after dithering for two weeks, has joined the list of presidents who chose to launch wars on their personal say-so in direct contravention of the Constitution."

"I don't know how many times we have to endure administrations, both Republican and Democratic, who shoot first and ask questions later. Probably for as long as we continue to elect Republicans and Democrats to office."

The Libertarian Party platform includes the following: We support the maintenance of a sufficient military to defend the United States against aggression. The United States should both avoid entangling alliances and abandon its attempts to act as policeman for the world. We oppose any form of compulsory national service.

### LSLA Details

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Whether you are interested in education or networking, food or fun, speakers or social activities—please join us at our next conference in Columbus, OH on August 19, 2011. The cost is \$35 per person (not including hotel). For more information, visit <http://www.lp.org/event/libertarian-state-chairs-meeting>, or contact your state chair or the LP headquarters at 202-333-0008.

### Candidate Spotlight

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Karin is looking forward to contributing another voice of reason to the board who has recently passed a bloated budget with only two "no" votes and a referendum to raise library taxes for the second time in three years, with only one "no" vote.

Karin urges other Illinois Libertarians to keep an eye out for uncontested local races. It is a great way to get a foot in the door while pushing local government in a libertarian direction.

# Why Are You a Libertarian?

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Government event in 1999. The hook was set for good when I started reading Jacob Hornberger's "Freedom Daily" every month. The libertarian positions on so many issues are not just the best ideas, but are clearly the only ideas that will work. Seeing the public bounce back and forth between the Republicans and the Democrats gives me confidence that my investments in the libertarian movement will soon be paying great dividends.

Dave Mason  
Carrollton, Texas

It all began with Ayn Rand. Libertarianism is the logical political expression of her philosophy.

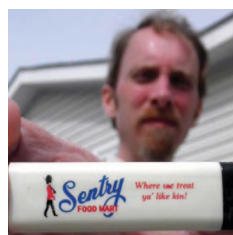
Steven D. Snuske  
Fulton, Texas



Throughout the years it has become quite apparent that we are living in a world increasingly dominated by socialists (Democrats) and fascists (Republicans). These groups do the same things—rob free people of their rights, money, lives, and mandate power on others through force. Rather than freedom through individual rights and economic liberalization, they bet against the goodness of man to make his own decisions. I believe libertarianism is the answer to these forces of central economic and social control, which seem to have gained power in our democracy. I became a libertarian because after examining my political options, I learned that mutual cooperation is usually a better option than majority rule and definitely a better option than minority rule (our current system). I became a libertarian because in my lifetime

of only 32 years I have seen the prices of education, food, freedom and security skyrocket under the rule of those who claim to be making sound decisions for their constituents. I became a libertarian because it is clear our constitutional rights are being rapidly eroded, right in front of our eyes by the very people who we elected to protect us and our rights. It is clear you cannot ask the government for excessive security, for what they ask for in return is effectively a form of enslavement.

Anindya Ghosh  
Los Angeles, California



Incredible, but a campaign speech from Libertarian Presidential candidate Ed Clark was broadcast instead. My interest in the party was renewed in 1993 when I learned that my uncle, J.B. Lankes, was a member. Around 1997, when I was 28 or 29 years old, I was carded while buying a lighter in a SENTRY Food Mart in Hampton, Virginia, because it was "smoking paraphernalia." I thought the world had gone crazy (although maybe it was just the store clerk that was insane), and joining the Libertarian Party seemed like a sensible way to fight the insanity. It reminded me of the Fritz Lang movie M, in which people in pre-Nazi Germany had to carry documentation, and were arrested for being out without their "papers." I did show ID. A photo of the actual lighter [pictured above].

Robert Lankes  
Lunenburg, VA

I'm a Libertarian because I love my children. Plain and simple. It's morally not

right to leave them a debt, such as the debt my parents have left me because the government thought they had a great idea at one time! Phooey. If I truly wish to teach my children how to live their lives and be a success, the first thing I'm going to teach them is don't spend what you don't have. I model this behavior, I work hard, play by the rules and certainly could care less about keeping up with the Joneses. Unfortunately, our government does not, they spend money like that neighbor I despise, that complains about not having enough money yet has a new car in the driveway. I can't despise them too much because our government, as the parent, modeled the behavior, and unfortunately for all of us, unless we change things, this neighbor will be on that "government tit" for a long time....

TJ Hathorne  
Kansas City, Missouri



I became a Libertarian on January 28, 2003. I was listening to George W. Bush deliver the State of the Union address, and when he announced that he was pledging "an additional 400 billion dollars over the next decade to reform and strengthen Medicare" my jaw dropped. \$400,000,000,000?!? At that moment I decided to drop my affiliation with the Republican party. All Americans have the right to affordable healthcare, but big government is ill-suited to provide it. I discovered the Libertarian party website that night, and have been a card-carrying member ever since. I call myself a moderate Libertarian—I believe we need a federal government, but its role should be regulation, not administration. Belonging to the Libertarian party and voting for Libertarian candidates gives me a way to express my belief that we have the liberty to live our lives as we see fit at long as we do not infringe on the rights of others to do the same.

Arleen Fields  
Fayetteville, North Carolina

I joined the Libertarian Party many years ago because I was sorely disappointed with both the Republican Party and the Democratic Party contributing to the growing size and scope of government control over everyday life. I soon learned that the policies of less government and more individual liberties were genuinely being pursued and implemented by the Libertarian Party unlike the false rhetoric coming from the Republican Party and the Democratic Party. I am proud to be a member of the Libertarian Party because I know the future of our country depends on the implementation of policies which only members of the Libertarian Party can claim as genuinely ours.

Derrick Tapp  
Iuka, Mississippi

I spent 21 years in the US Army. One year in Korea; one year in Viet Nam and seven years in Germany, training to repel a Soviet invasion. Twelve years training and training others to defend us. After retirement in 1975 I bought rental property in California. Then I started attending meetings of the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission. It was then that I learned what the Repubs and Democrats had done to the citizens of this nation with their greedy politics. They have taken the right to own property from us. Some burro (c)rat has every right of a property owner lined up on a shelf. You have to buy govt consideration of allowing you to use each one of your property rights. After paying the burro (c)rat, all you get is their "consideration" it is not guaranteed that you will be allowed to use it. All you get with the property is a constantly rising tax bill. I have been "mad as 'ell" ever since. When I learned that, I started looking for an alternative. I found the LPC in 1986 and have been a "member" since 1988 and a "life member" since Harry Browne in 2000.

Ray Bledsaw  
Lakeview, Oregon



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- Libertarian candidate Doug Burlison places first in primary
- Libertarian candidate Muir Boda advances to general election
- IHS offering free summer seminars
- Judge Rejects Libertarian DC write-in case
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